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Hedgehog-Like Polypeptides, and  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231Declaration Under 35 U.S.C. §1.132 of Carmen Pepicelli

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Sir:

I, Carmen Pepicelli of Lowell, Massachusetts, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an employee of Curis, Inc., which licenses the above-described application from The President and Fellows of Harvard College, the assignee of record.
2. Experiments were performed in collaboration with me, the results of which are depicted in Exhibits A-E, which demonstrate the effects of treating embryonic lung cultures with a hedgehog antagonist. Exhibit A shows by *in situ* hybridization that the expression of the downstream mediator of *hedgehog* signaling, *gli-1*, decreases during later lung development. Exhibit B shows the inverse relationship between the expression of *gli-1* and the expression of the lung maturation marker, Sp-C. Exhibit C shows that treatment of embryonic lung cultures with *hedgehog* antagonist XX decreases *hedgehog* signaling as demonstrated by a substantial decrease in *gli-1* expression. Exhibit D shows that *hedgehog* antagonist XX increases the expression of the maturation marker Sp-C. Exhibit E shows that in contrast to embryonic lung cultures treated with a hedgehog antagonist, embryonic lung cultures treated with a *hedgehog* agonist have increased surfactant production.
3. The above experiments were performed in accord with the teachings of the abovementioned patent application.
4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are

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